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PERFORMANCE USING CLONING OF CACHED DATA

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AMENDMENT & REMARKS ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated October 19, 2007 having a shortened statutory period expiring on January 22, 2008 (January 19, 2008 having been a Saturday, and January 21, 2008 having been a Federal holiday). Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 14 of this paper and include a newly added figure Fig. 2A.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

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